

## NCC Minutes 9/18/06

Open Meeting : 7:05 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, B. Byrne, R. Konisky, R. LaBranche, L. Carroll, D. Mason,  
alt. S. Shope, Sel. Wes Moore, Guest D. Hyde (Nature Cons.)

### 1) Ongoing Administrative Business:

- a. Treasurer's Report- read by A. Watts, motion to accept A. Watts, B. Byrnes seconds, all in favor YES.
- b. Minutes 8/21/06- A. Watts motions to accept with corrections, seconded by R. LaBranche, all in favor YES.

### 2) Nature Conservancy Update- Duane Hyde

- a. Reviewing request for Daley and Anderson properties to be part of N.A.W.C.A. grants.
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife would need to approve any transfer of legal interest
  - R. Konisky spoke to B. Hart- Piscassic Greenway may also be part of
  - A. Watts- Will this affect the town's stand as primary holder?- No.
  - L. Carroll- Adds another level of protection to land.
  - Consequences to N.C. if not approved- May have to return some funds to the federal gov't but, more importantly, it may affect their ability to win future grants.
  - W. Moore re: the Grant Agreement- Who needs to approve, the Selectman or the town? A. Watts notes that F. Lane has explained that if something causes a change in the easement it requires a town vote, if not, the Selectman can decide. This wouldn't change the easement but we should check with F. Lane.
  - A. Watts- Agreement might make things more complicated if issues arose with an easement but it also adds another level of protection.
  - D. Hyde- Reiterates that the Nature Cons. would pay any legal fees incurred and that this would encourage future endeavors between the town and the N.C.
  - A. Watts motions that we recommend the Anderson and Daly properties enter into the N.A.W.C.A. agreement pending approval by the Selectman, R. Konisky seconds, all in favor YES.

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3) Updates

- Cole Property- Selectman reviewing final draft of easement. Most major issues are resolved. Lawyer A. Breed competent but expensive and not great “chemistry” working with. R. Konisky feels Sec. 9 of agreement needs to be clarified regarding who does baseline documentation. Seems to read currently that the town is responsible for, but should read that RLT will be responsible.
- Silverstein Property- W. Moore explained that there may be litigation. Portion of landscaping around pool extends into the easement. The Selectman are in the process of negotiating a settlement. A. Watts asked if the excluded area has now been marked. W. Moore replied that he would find out. The pool also needs a fence which the Selectman will inspect.
- Prime Wetlands- M. West still working on. Will present in Oct. We still need to decide on criteria to designate. Will then go to Warrant Article for approval.
- Greenway- B. Byrne believes RLT mentioned in newsletter that there is talk of eliminating the railroad bed through the property and feels we should instead be promoting its use. S. Shope is on the management committee and will speak with P. Auger.
- Grant from S.P.N.H.F. Center for Land Conservation- R. Konisky- Society had granted \$3,000 towards Greenway fees but then requested several other things that Ray has submitted. Now no one is returning his calls.

4) Bills

- M. West- \$1,438.50- D. Mason motions to pay, B. Byrne seconds, all in favor Yes.
- McLane (A. Breed)- \$4,838.50 for Cole property. Need to submit to Selectman.

5) Grants

- NHEP- Up to \$10,000 towards project within the watershed. Possibilities would be Cole property, work on storm water issues or project involving minimizing sprawl. R. Konisky wonders if this might apply to his GPS project with R. Hull. W. Moore mentioned that there might be 4 acres available for purchase between the river and the railroad bed. R. LaBranche will speak with the owner. Proposal due within the month.
- NHEP- Another grant offered towards Habitat Restoration. Have identified some potential lands in Newfields. Proposal due in Nov.

6) Next meeting Oct. 16, 2006

Adjourn 9:53 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 9/18/06

